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bachelor's program, staying in the North Platte area, and this is happening in the other service areas of our state. I think we need to recognize that the state colleges are being responsive to the concerns. We also made several recommendations to the university, and I'm informed that they are in the process of working on changes to their system to enhance their...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...position. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Mr. Clerk, do you have some items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Thank you. New A bill, LB 1005A, by Senator Jensen. (Read by title for the first time.) Your Committee on the Judiciary, chaired by Senator Brashear, reports LB 850 to General File, with amendments; LB 958, General File with amendments; likewise, LB 1162, LB 1213. Senator Baker, Chair of Transportation, reports LB 919 to General File. Amendments to be printed: Senator Loudon to LB 1048; and Senator Schrock to LB 1012. And, Mr. President, a series of study resolutions by Senator Baker (re LR 262-265). Those will be referred to Reference. That's all that I have. Thank you. (Legislative Journal pages 1137-1145.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I know we're talking in general terms, not specific terms about the budget at this point in time, but I'm going to go to the amendment and use that as a way to talk about the macro and micro of the budget. And for informational purposes, I would remind the body that we took...we did not fund this item, the prize money item, in the last two budgets, through General Funds. Two years ago, the Department of Agriculture came up with some grant money that was used to offset it. Last year we did not fund it. This is a new request...not a new request, but a new appropriation this year, although the fair has been requesting this money for several years. After hearing the